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Support the **Bureau of Maternal and Child Health**

Explanation: With U.S. leadership and funding to improve the survival and health of mothers and children, the annual number of under-five deaths fell from 12.6 million in 1990 to 6.6 million in 2012. Additionally, in the 24 countries where U.S. involvement has been the greatest, maternal mortality has declined an average of 5% each year, faster than the global average. With these important resources, the United States can continue to save lives and help women have healthier families.

Support the **Fulbright Program**

Explanation: The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government. It is designed to increase mutual understanding between Americans and people from other countries. The Fulbright Program provides participants with the opportunity to study, teach, and conduct research, exchange ideas, contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns. The Fulbright Program is an important element of the United States' bilateral relationship with countries around the world.

\$1.65 billion for the **Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria**

Explanation: Global Fund-supported countries and programs have achieved remarkable results: 4.2 million people have been treated for HIV/AIDS; 9.7 million people have received treatment for tuberculosis; 310 million insecticide-treated nets have been distributed; 1.7 million HIV-positive pregnant women have been treated to prevent HIV transmission to their babies; and 100,000 lives have been saved and improved every month. Not only does this program save lives and improve health, but it also contributes directly to stability, security, and economic growth around the world.

\$27.8 million for **Great Lakes Fishery Commission**

Explanation: The Great Lakes Fishery Commission carries out an essential program throughout the Great Lakes basin that protects and improves the \$7 billion fishery. The commission's program provides a direct benefit to the millions of people who fish in the lakes and value a healthy environment. The State of Illinois (and the other states and the federal government) depends on the Commission's program as the backbone of its fishery management activities and investments.

Maintain funding for **International Basic Education**

Explanation: Through robust funding of basic education, we can help alleviate poverty through economic growth, build markets for U.S. exports, enhance stability and security, and promote effective development across sectors.

\$12.5 million for International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement Demand Reduction program

Explanation: The INL Demand Reduction Program has effectively reduced drug use and addiction in countries critical to U.S. drug control policy. This funding level will ensure that the INL Demand Reduction program can continue to develop trainings and technical assistance to bring the most effective substance abuse prevention, treatment and recovery support services to reduce drug use, related criminal activity, violence, and gang membership in Latin America.

\$1 billion for the Millennium Challenge Corporation

Explanation: MCC's approach focuses on working with countries committed and investing their own development and making significant progress on good governance, economic freedom, and the rule of law. It's rigorous, data-driven approach to fighting poverty holds partner countries accountable for results and builds in monitoring and evaluation mechanism through its compacts. Focused on transparency, the MCC was ranked one among international donor organizations last year in the Aid Transparency Index. This is a model that deserves strong support from Congress not only because it promotes good practices but because it strengthens self-sufficiency.

Support the President's request for Nonproliferation, Anti-Terrorism, and Demining activities

Explanation: The proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and related materials, technologies, expertise, and the fact that terrorists are trying to acquire them, is a preeminent challenge to American national security. This program leads the Department's efforts to prevent the spread of WMD and their delivery systems.

\$4.58 billion for PEPFAR

Explanation: PEPFAR has directly supported life-saving antiretroviral treatment for millions of patients, supported HIV testing and counseling for thousands of pregnant women, and supported programs to prevent thousands of mother-to-child transmissions. In addition to saving lives and improving health, PEPFAR has been shown to improve economies, security, and stability of nations around the globe.

Support for programs that combat trafficking in humans

Explanation: It is crucial that the United States be a leader in fighting modern slavery. The United States Government currently spends 10 cents for every \$32 a human trafficker makes. We must invest more resources to end this deplorable practice.

\$37 million for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Explanation: UNFPA provides reproductive-health care, including family-planning services – NOT abortion – to the world's poorest women, and specializes in caring for refugees and addressing other crises. Each year, the U.S. contribution prevents two million unintended pregnancies; nearly 800,000 abortions; 4,700 maternal deaths;

nearly 60,000 cases of serious maternal illness; and more than 77,000 infant and child deaths.

\$1 billion for U.S. Agency for International Development family-planning account

Explanation: Vital investments in USAID's family planning account have resulted in fewer unintended births, abortions, and miscarriages and reduced maternal and infant death. \$1 billion would allow the U.S. to expand its family planning programs to all women overseas who want access to family planning, thereby reducing unintended pregnancies and therefore abortions.

\$212.5 million for the USAID Biodiversity Program

Explanation: This program helps protect some of the largest, most at-risk natural landscapes and the livelihoods of millions of people who directly depend on natural resources for their survival and economic growth. These land and seascapes include the Andean Amazon, Brazilian Amazon, Guatemala's Mayan Biosphere, the Central African Regional Program for the Environment and the Coral Triangle. By maintaining and restoring the natural resources that supply fertile soil, clean water, food and medicine, these USAID programs play an important role in long-term U.S. foreign policy objectives. USAID assistance for conservation is focused on addressing priority threats to biodiversity. In the process, it promotes rural peace and stability, health, democracy-building, environmental security and improved livelihoods. By reducing conflict over resource scarcity and improving the stability of trading partners, these programs also enhance U.S. economic and national security interests.